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TARDEC Demonstrates ISO 14001 Excellence for Second Consecutive Year

DETROIT ARSNEL WARREN, MI — The U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), the Army's only ISO 14001:2004 third-party certified laboratory, successfully passed its Environmental Management System's (EMS's) re-certification audit with zero findings of non-conformance being identified by the registrar team from QMI-SAI Global.

This is the second consecutive year TARDEC passed a major audit with zero findings of non-conformance. It is extremely unusual for an organization to pass a re-certification audit with zero findings of non-conformance and practically unheard of in industry — to accomplish this two years in a row, according to the QMI-SAI Global audit team.

The recently announced audit results are very important to the TARDEC community. "Two years with no findings is a significant accomplishment," stated TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek. "I appreciate the dedication and hard work of our associates to achieve this excellence."

"Through hard work and heavy lifting, our folks make it happen," explained TARDEC Product Development Executive Director Thomas M. Mathes. "That is what makes this a great place to work."

"The ISO 14001:2004 standard is applicable to any organization that wishes to establish, implement, maintain and improve an [EMS], to assure itself of conformity with its stated environmental policy and to demonstrate conformity with ISO 14001:2004," according to ISO's Web site. ISO 14001-2004 is a standard that provides guidance for implementing an EMS and specifies elements that must be in place for an EMS to be complete and effective.

For more information about the TARDEC EMS, please contact ISO 14001 Environmental Management Representative Monica Kapso at (586) 574-6064 or Monica.Kapso@us.army.mil.

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TARDEC passed its Environmental Management System re-certification audit with zero findings of non-conformance recently. Shown here is the TARDEC Water & Petroleum Laboratory. (U.S. Army TARDEC photo.)

TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military ground systems and automotive technology. A leading technology integrator for the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), TARDEC is headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, located in the heart of the world's automotive capitol. TARDEC is a major element of RDECOM and partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. As a full life-cycle engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons and vehicle systems, TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provide superior capabilities for the Future Force. TARDEC's technical staff leads research in ground vehicle survivability; mobility/power and energy; robotics and intelligent systems; maneuver support and sustainment; and vehicle electronics and architecture. TARDEC develops and maintains ground vehicles for all U.S. Armed Forces and numerous federal agencies.

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